



## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)**

For

### **Admission into Modular Programme**

#### **Q.1 What is the purpose of the MoU ?**

**Ans:** The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets out a partnership and process for both the Universities to enter in an agreement to offer the skill based programmes that eventually are expected to help students of both universities to get various job opportunities.

#### **Q.2 What are the various programs on offer?**

**Ans:** The programs that shall be offered under this MoU are:

- I. Soft Skills
- II. IT Skills
- III. Communication Skills
- IV. Leadership Development.
- V. Entrepreneurship Development
- VI. Cyber Security
- VII. Legal Awareness
- VIII. Media Management
- IX. Disaster Management

#### **Q.3 Is it compulsory for all students to take admission in the programmes?**

**Ans:** It is not compulsory but optional for students to take admission, the choice is left to the students.

#### **Q.4 What shall be the duration of each programme?**

**Ans:** The duration of the programme, which includes admission, curricular transaction and assessment, shall be of three months.

#### **Q.5 What will the method for programme delivery?**

**Ans:** Each Programme will be provided through blended mode of teaching and learning, which essentially means that course material will be provided either in hard copy in printed form or in soft copy form. Contact classes will be organized on Sundays and holidays. Along with this traditional distance mode of teaching we are planning to expose the students to e-learning platform so that anytime and anywhere learning through laptop or smart phone devices will become possible.

**Q.6 How many programs a student can opt?**

**Ans:** A student can opt more than one programme at a time. Maximum of two programs are allowed in a semester. Students are allowed to opt not more than four programs in the entire duration of two years (four semesters).

**Q.7 What will be the procedure for certification?**

**Ans:** OSOU shall provide a course completion certificate. However the Parent University shall reflect these programmes in the statement of marks as non-credit add-on courses completed through MoU with Odisha State Open University. Since these are non-credit courses marks/grades need not be mentioned/awarded to the students.

**Q.8 What will be the norms of Study Centre?**

**Ans:** As per the MoU the Parent University will provide space (rent free) for the establishment of study center of OSOU in their campus and nominate a faculty to be appointed as part time Coordinator of the study center.

**Q.9 Who shall be the resource persons for various offered courses?**

**Ans:** The faculty from various discipline available in the Parent University shall act as resource persons provided they are willing to render their services on Sundays and Holidays on payment of Honorarium fixed by OSOU from time to time. In case required, OSOU may send empaneled counsellors for conducting theory counselling and providing hands-on training.

**Q.10 What is the role of Smart e-Learning Platform?**

**Ans:** We shall have online learning that will be Moodle based, LMS driven through Smart e-learning platform. The structure of the course is such that the contents of a module shall be released on weekly basis. It is recommended that you download a copy of the weekly course coverage schedule and course syllabus. The contents of the subsequent weeks can be accessed only after successful completion of the quiz attached to the contents of the previous week.

**Q.11 What shall be the methodology for evaluation?**

**Ans:** The evaluation will be based on:

- Weekly online quizzes – Successful completion of one week’s quiz will unlock the course content for the next week.
- Term-end evaluation – Will be conducted at the end (ideally the 12th week) which might include components like, presentations, seminar, case analysis, viva-voce etc.

Successful completion of both the above will lead to certification.

**Q.12 What shall be the fees towards the registration for each programme?**

**Ans:** An amount of INR 500/- will be charged for each programme from the Students as registration fees. The amount is non-refundable.

**Q.13 How many students can get enrolled in each programme on offer?**

Ans: There is no upper limit for admission in each programme. However, minimum of 25 students are required to be enrolled in each programme for providing face to face counselling support at the study center.

**Q.14 Will the credit value of the Programmes on offer is transferable for further admission in any programme of Odisha State Open University?**

Ans: No, there will be no provisions for credit transfer because these are non-credit courses and no rigorous method of evaluation is adopted for certification.

**Q.15 Is there any specific period for admission in various programme?**

Ans: There is no specific period for admission. Students can register at any time but the courses will be offered on trimester basis in January, April, July, and October.

**Q.16 What is the role of JCC?**

Ans: JCC is the Joint Coordination Committee to deal with the operational aspects of the MoU for its effective implementation.

**Q.17 What will be the duration of the course?**

Ans: The minimum duration of a single skill based modular programme will be 3 months and the maximum duration will be 6months.